



SURVEY ON MILITARY AND INTELLIGENCE ARCHIVES IN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES

(Please, if you need more space for comments, add supplementary sheets)

Country: GREECE.....

Name of institution: GENERAL STATE ARCHIVES OF
GREECE.....

Parent institution: MINISTRY OF NATIONAL EDUCATION AND RELIGIOUS
AFFAIRS.....

(Is your institution part of the Ministry of Culture or of another Ministry, or is under the authority of the Prime Minister, etc.?)

1) Do the following bodies transfer their archives to the National Archives or do they run their own independent historical archives (or neither)? (for Intelligence Agencies, please add as many entries as you need)

	They transfer their archives to the NA	They run their own independent historical archives	They do not make their archives available to researchers
Army, Navy, Air Force		X	
Ministry of Defence		X	
<u>Intelligence Agencies:</u>		X	X

Comments: The archives of the Armed Forces (Army, Navy, Air Force) are accessible to researchers, provided their non-engagement (graduation or their particularity where reasons of national security ground).



2) In case such bodies run their own independent historical archives, are they staffed with professional archivists? (for Intelligence Agencies, please add as many entries as you need)

	YES	NO
Army, Navy, Air Force		X
Ministry of Defence		X
<u>Intelligence agencies:</u>	X	

Comments: Hellenic Intelligence Agency, professional archivists' positions (Presidential Decree 126/2009, Organization of Hellenic Intelligence Agency (National Security Service), Law 173/07.09.2009, Article 6, paragraph a/National Security Service Staff).

3) In case intelligence and/or military archives are transferred to the National archives, are such archives transferred only after declassification or do the National Archives receive and preserve classified information (top secret, secret, etc.)?

	YES	NO
Archives including classified records are transferred only after declassification		X
The National Archives receive and preserve classified information		X

Comments:.....
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4) After how many years are the archives the following bodies supposed to be transferred to the National Archives or other archival institution?

	Number of years	The rule is actually enforced (YES / NO)
Army, Navy, Air Force		
Ministry of Defence		
<u>Intelligence agencies</u>		

Comments: These kinds of archives are not transferred to the National State Archives or to any other institution.....

5) As far as selection and transfer of archives is concern, do military bodies and intelligence services have to follow guidelines issued by the National Archives or by the Directorate General of Archives?

	YES	NO
Army, Navy, Air Force	X	
Ministry of Defence	X	
Intelligence agencies		X

Comments: The article 41, paragraph 3 of the Law 1946/1991 refers only to the General State Archives' obligation to provide scientific or technical support to the above mentioned Services concerning the appraisal and disposal as well as the good keeping of their archives.



6) Do archivists from the National Archives participate in the decisions regarding the selection and transfer of military archives and of the archives of the intelligence agencies?

	YES	NO
Army, Navy, Air Force		X
Ministry of Defence		X
Intelligence agencies		X

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7) According to the ICA Principles of Access to Archives, art. 9, "Archivists have access to all closed archives and perform necessary archival work on them". Is this principle enforced in your country, as far as military archives and the archives of intelligence agencies are concerned?

	YES	NO
Army, Navy, Air Force		X
Ministry of Defence		X
Intelligence agencies		X

Comments: The archivists of the General State Archives of Greece have access to all classified archives, except those which belong to the Ministry of Defense as well as the forces of Army, Navy and Air

8) Are there archivists from the National Archives who have security clearances (i.e. who can access classified information)?

YES	X
NO	



Comments:

9) As far as the management of records and archives are concerned, do military corps and intelligence agencies have to follow guidelines and directives issued by the National Archives or by the Directorate General of Archives?

	YES	NO
Army, Navy, Air Force		X
Ministry of Defence		X
Intelligence agencies		X

Comments: The article 41, paragraph 3 of the Law 1946/1991 refers only to the General State Archives' obligation to provide scientific or technical support to the above mentioned Services concerning the appraisal and disposal as well as the good keeping of their archives.

10) Does your national legislation provide for automatic declassification of classified national security information after a given number of years?

YES	X
NO	

Comments: **1)** The declassification of classified national security information occurs after 50 years through the decision of the National Security Committee of our National Security Service (Law 3649, 39/03.03.2008, article 3, paragraph 4b). **2)** In the General State Archives of Greece, the declassification of archives occurs after 30 years (Law 1946, 69/14.05.1991, article 42, paragraph 1). **3)** In the Service of Prime Ministers' Archives, the declassification of archives occurs as follows: In the general archive of a prime minister: a) classified archives after 15 years, b) secret archives after 20 years, c) top secret archives after 30 years, d) national security archives after 60 years, e) private life archives after 75 years (Law 2846, 229/23.10.2000, article 1, paragraph 1). In the private archive of a prime minister: a) a) classified archives after 30 years, b) secret archives after 40 years, c) top secret archives after 60 years, d) national security archives after 60 years, e) private life archives after 75 years (Law 2846, 229/23.10.2000, article 3, paragraph 1). **4)** In the Ministry of Defence, the declassification of classified information is re examined by the competent authority in each case.



11) In case you answered YES to question no. 10, after how many years? **1)** The declassification of classified national security information occurs after 50 years through the decision of the National Security Committee of our National Security Service (Law 3649, 39/03.03.2008, article 3, paragraph 4b). **2)** In the General State Archives of Greece, the declassification of archives occurs after 30 years (Law 1946, 69/14.05.1991, article 42, paragraph 1). **3)** In the Service of Prime Ministers' Archives, the declassification of archives occurs as follows: In the general archive of a prime minister: a) classified archives after 15 years, b) secret archives after 20 years, c) top secret archives after 30 years, d) national security archives after 60 years, e) private life archives after 75 years (Law 2846, 229/23.10.2000, article 1, paragraph 1). In the private archive of a prime minister: a) classified archives after 30 years, b) secret archives after 40 years, c) top secret archives after 60 years, d) national security archives after 60 years, e) private life archives after 75 years (Law 2846, 229/23.10.2000, article 3, paragraph 1). **4)** In the Ministry of Defence, the declassification of classified information is re examined by the competent authority in each case.

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12) Does your national legislation provide for automatic declassification of classified information regarding national defence (for example, information on weapons of mass destruction) after a given number of years? In case, after how many years?

YES	
NO	X

Comments:.....
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13) In case you answered YES to question no. 12, after how many years?

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14) Does your national legislation provide for automatic declassification of classified information originating from a foreign government (or from a foreign intelligence



agency, foreign police authority, etc.) after a given number of years? Or is such kind of information declassified only after consulting with the originating country?

	YES	NO
Classified information originating from a foreign government is declassified only with the agreement of the foreign government		
Classified information originating from a foreign government is automatically declassified after a given number of years, like other classified information	X	

Comments:.....
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15) Does your national legislation provide for special rules regarding the declassification of classified information originating from the NATO?

YES	
NO	

16) Are information originating from the NATO declassified after a given number of years or are decisions regarding the declassification of NATO documents left to NATO itself?

	YES	NO
Information originating from the NATO are declassified after a given number of years		
Decisions regarding the declassification of NATO documents are left to NATO itself		



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Comments: NATO declassifies its documents and determines the use and the utilization of documents in each case.